

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 17, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Alan D. Gardner at 4:00 p.m. on April 17, 2012, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for April 4, 2012, through April 17, 2012
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments / Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes (13): Thora McNish & Hal Hiatt, S/N SG-1252-B-1-RD; Triad Project/David Dawson, S/N SG-KCAE-2-31; Thomas & Lori Sutton, S/N SG-SPT-3-25, S/N SG-SPT-3-24, and SG-SPT-3-39; Jason & Alysia Barnes and Greg Anderson, SG-SACS-3B-80; Elim Valley and Rob Robinson, S/N H-3-2-6-340 and H-4-2-11-125; Bruce Lauritzen, S/N H-SURS-3-76, H-SURS-3-77, and H-SURS-3-80; JTP Properties, S/N SG-COSC-H-219; and Vincent & Dan Yale, S/N V-2-1-21-221211 and V-DGE-3-53
- Consideration of Applications for Property Tax Abatement (7): Lydia Bagason, S/N SG-PMTH-29; Michael Craig, S/N I-CCL-23B-4; Thu DeRouin, S/N 1-DELC-1-1; Mark O'Neil, S/N T-CHCR01B-26; Lorene Plumb, S/N SC-SCH-N-3; Steven Richmond, S/N W-RP-1-27-A; and Raymond & Kathleen Sylvester, S/N DVA-2-A-49-SW
- Consideration of Renewal of Enterprise School Resource Officer Agreement with Washington County Sheriff's Office for 2012
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Ordinance No. 2012-1017-O on Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / 04-10-12:**

**Conditional Use Permit Extension:** Request permission to install water lines from the main source across SITLA land for future growth and upgrade for development in Dammeron Valley. Dammeron Corp./ Brooks Pace, applicant, and Brown Engineering, agent.

This item was tabled previously for further input from the County Engineer and review of inspections made. This is an automatic annual review and the project was completed several months after the request was made. This project should be approved on a permanent basis. The transmission lines were installed from Bonnie Springs Wells to the existing Dammeron Valley Water Works System, approximately one and one-half (1-½) miles. Public utilities and transmission lines are required to come before the Planning Commission as a conditional use, regardless of whether they are on private or public lands. As previously reviewed, as a utility corridor, the County would request a map graphically showing the location, description, and dimensions of their easements. The Dammeron Valley Water Company is a privately-owned water company but serving more than the minimum number of homes, and could still come under the Department of Environmental Quality. The DEQ would make any inspections, and write letters of approval for future development.

Facts/findings: 1) Proposed water line will equalize pressure to two (2) water tanks; 2) This does not constitute approval of the road layout; 3) The project will improve the existing system; 4) SITLA granted easements; and 5) Notation on the construction drawings to indicate approval does not constitute approval of subdivision. Notation on construction drawing states, "No preliminary plat has been approved for the lot and road configuration shown. Any waterlines installed may need to be re-located, removed, or altered as development occurs to comply with the ordinances and standards in effect at the time of development." The County Engineer indicated that the project was completed and as-built drawings were submitted for the Public Works files.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

**Conditional Use Permit Extension:** Review extension on a tower for Verizon Wireless at Big Mountain Communications facility in Section 4, T38S, R16W, on Forest Service property near Enterprise. Connie Misket /Technology Associates International Corporation, agent.

This is the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) extension and the project is almost complete with the final inspection needed. The permit (#6227) was issued on March 25, 2011, and the footing was inspected on September 19, 2011. Communication towers are conditionally approved within the OSC-20 zone. As previously reviewed, the applicant submitted the site location plan and photos of the project site showing what the site looks like currently.

The Forest Service agreements were to be signed at the beginning of 2010. There is a requirement for co-location and the accessory equipment shelters are existing. This application meets the requirement for a "lattice type" tower and there may be no need to create a "fall" zone, as this property is located a great distance from other private property, with the leased area being one hundred by one hundred feet (100' x 100') and the tower being located on the north side of the parcel. The steel lattice tower is one hundred feet (100') in height with an underground concrete foundation. There is a six foot (6') tall chain link fence with barbed wire for security purposes. The applicant indicated Pacific Corp. had purchased the Verizon Tower and one more dish would be installed, so they would like a one (1) year extension for completion. The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of another one (1) year extension.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented, and to move up Item No. 7 on the Regular Agenda to follow the Emergency Services Report by Sheriff Cory Pulsipher. Motion seconded by Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.**

#### **REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: SHERIFF CORY PULSIPHER**

Sheriff Pulsipher reported on three (3) Search and Rescue call-outs since his last report:

- March 26, 2012, a stranded motorist stuck in the snow near Kolob;
- April 2, 2012, injured ATV rider, transported by Search and Rescue to a waiting helicopter and eventually to Dixie Regional Medical Center;
- April 3, 2012, a 9-1-1 hang-up call near the Babylon Trailhead which turned out to have been a careless mistake by the caller

A total of eight (8) Search and Rescue volunteers responded, with a total of twenty-four (24) man hours.

Chairman Gardner recognized several Boy Scouts in the audience, most of whom were pursuing their merit badges.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1632, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE PINE VALLEY LOCAL DISTRICT WHICH PROVIDES FOR ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE PINE VALLEY AREA**

Sheriff Pulsipher said that this agreement was negotiated in order to meet the unique law enforcement needs of the Pine Valley area during the months of May through October when many people are recreating and camping there. The Pine Valley Local District agrees to pay thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per eight (8) hour patrol, and the Sheriff's Office will pay for travel time to and from the Pine Valley area.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Drake to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1632, a Resolution approving the execution of an agreement between Washington County and the Pine Valley Local District, which provides for additional law enforcement in the Pine Valley area. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.**

#### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL**

No presentations were made today.

#### **PRESENTATION: DIXIE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW / NATALIE LARSEN**

Natalie Larsen, President of the Dixie Junior Livestock Association, introduced Dave Gust, FFA leader from Dixie High School, and Berkley Bundy, one of the scholarship recipients. Ms. Larsen explained that the twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) Dixie Junior Livestock Show is coming up from April 26 through April 28, 2012. The show includes sportsmanship competition, and marketing competition, and the animals are sold on the 28<sup>th</sup>. All entrants are youth from Washington County, from third grade through high school. This year there are over three hundred and thirty-five (335) exhibitors in the show.

Ms. Bundy said that eighteen (18) scholarships have been given out to youngsters this year, and those scholarships are funded by donations from the community. The judges come from out of state and are constantly amazed at the high quality of animals that they see each year. Mr. Gust added that the value to a young person in raising a livestock animal from birth, learning about feeding, housing, managing, doctoring, and finally exhibiting that animal, is immeasurable. These are young people who probably will not go into the agricultural production industry but have this unique opportunity to go through the process. He is appreciative of the way the community supports this effort.

The cost of feed has escalated substantially, with a fifty (50) pound bag of feed costing upwards of twenty dollars (\$20.00). Some students must seek out sponsors' subsidies in order to provide proper feed.

There are different options available to purchase an animal, and anyone interested may contact the Utah State University Extension Office at 435-634-5706 to be put in touch with a member of the Buyers' Committee.

The show begins at 1:00 PM on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, with the Bidding and Showmanship Contest, which judges how well the students handle their animals, which are often in excess of several hundred pounds. On Friday at 8:00 AM the animals themselves are judged. All families are encouraged to attend the event.

**PRESENTATION: FFA: WILD HORSES / DAVE GUST**

Mr. Gust is a teacher at Dixie High School. He brought several of the students in the Dixie High Chapter of the FFA to perform a mock debate for the Commission, taking opposite positions on the wild horse controversy in the United States, particularly in the West. The students discussed the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971, the different types of permits available for adoption of horses and burros, and considered the opposing positions of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) versus various environmental groups with respect to sterilizing, rounding up, relocating, feeding, and otherwise providing for the thirty-nine thousand (39,000) wild horses currently roaming through the country. The students are preparing for a State contest in which scholarships will be awarded to the winning group of students.

**PURCHASE REQUESTS: MARK BLANCH**

No purchase requests were considered today.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-1631, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THE UTAH QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION REGARDING FUNDS FOR COMPLETION OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY CONFLUENCE PARK RESTORATION, PHASE 2**

This is a second grant agreement to fund Phase II, for the removal of tamarisk, Russian Olive, and other invasive trees and replace them with native species. The grants from the Utah Quality Growth Commission have been a great boon, with Confluence Park really beginning to look like a real park.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Adopt Resolution No. R-2012-1631, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of A Grant Agreement Between Washington County And The Utah Quality Growth Commission Regarding Funds For Completion Of The Washington County Confluence Park Restoration, Phase 2. Motion seconded by**

**Commissioner Drake and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Gardner, Eardley, and Drake voting aye.**

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Drake advised that April 28<sup>th</sup> is Free Day at the Southern Utah Shooting Sports Park, located in Hurricane near the Purgatory Correctional Facility. The public is welcome to attend, and vendors will be on site, displaying their wares. The only cost to the public would be for any ammunition used to test fire the various weapons.

**PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS**

No items were presented today.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS**

Washington County Administrator Dean Cox said that several County buildings participated in the Great Utah Shake-Out this morning, a statewide earthquake drill that was conducted smoothly by the Emergency Services Department. Additionally, the new generator for the Administration and Boulevard Buildings was fired up with great success. This generator will provide much greater data service and back-up, ensuring that, in an emergency power outage, the core functions of County government will remain intact, without interruption.

***Request a Closed Session***

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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CHRISTINE S. HALL  
DEPUTY CLERK

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ALAN D. GARDNER  
CHAIRMAN